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Applicants: Eric Ledoux et al. Attorney Docket No: MICR0218

Serial No: 09/997,801 Group Art Unit: 2152

Filed: November 30, 2001 Examiner: Rinehart, Mark H.

Title: HANDLING COLLISIONS DURING SYNCHRONIZATION OF DATA
BETWEEN CLIENT AND SERVER COMPUTERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Bellevue, Washington 98004

September 26, 2002

TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

Applicants request that prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the preliminary amendments as set forth below be entered. As no existing claims are being amended, a marked-up version of the claims is not included herewith.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Amendment to the Claims

In the Claims:

Please add new Claims 31 - 34 as follows:

--31. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of enabling the modifications to be made by a user to the components of the data on a client while the client is not coupled to the server over the network, the modifications being subsequently uploaded to the server while the client is then coupled to the server over the network.

32. The method of Claim 11, wherein the step of enabling the nodes that were downloaded from the server by any client to be modified on said client includes the step of enabling the nodes to be modified while the client is not connected to the server.

33. The method of Claim 19, wherein the step of enabling the nodes that are downloaded from the storage device to be modified by any remote computing device having the rights to do so includes the step of enabling the nodes to be modified while the remote computing device is not connected to the storage device.

34. The system of Claim 25, wherein the machine instructions executed by the processor of the client computing device to enable modification of the nodes while the client computing device is not connected to the server computing device.--

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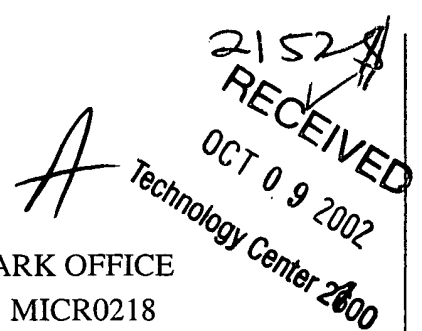
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified patent application. The claim fee has been calculated, as shown below. Check No. 6179 in the amount of \$72 is enclosed to cover the fee shown. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1940. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Computation of Fee For Claims as Amended					
	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	34	30	4	x \$18	\$72
Independent Claims	4	4	-0-	x \$84	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					<u>\$72</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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